(e) whether any repeat order has been placed for these systems; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir. The department has procured pair gain systems from two, manufacturers of Himachal Pradesh namely M/s. Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd. (M/s. HFCL), Solan and M/s. Ramsan Communications Ltd. (M/s. RCL), Shogi.

(b) The information is given below:

Name of Supplier	System capacity procured till 31.12.95	No. of systems	Total cost Rs. in crores
HFCL Solan	1+1	4,237	78.76
	1+7	10,456	
RCL Shogi	1+7	2,464	16.9

(c) Most of the procured systems are installed and operational but their number at any point is difficult to access as their usage is transient in nature.

(d) No complaint has been received.

(e) and (f) The requirement of these systems being piecemeal, field units have been authorised to purchase the limited number of systems as and when required from approved suppliers.

Posting and Transfer of Staff by MTNL

600. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the Offices and Departments in Delhi where MTNL is functioning as an allied service;

(b) the policy and criteria for posting and transfer of staff and officers at such places;

(c) whether Government are aware that posting at one place for a long period results into malpractices; and

(d) the steps being taken to avoid long stay of officers and staff at one place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) MTNL took over the management, control and operation of the public telecom network except public telegraph in the state of Delhi w.e.f. 01.04.86.

(b) All the employees working in MTNL, Delhi are on deemed deputation from the DoT. In the case of Group 'A' & 'b' employees, DoT is the appointing/cadre controlling authority. In respect of Group 'C' & 'D' employees at Delhi, the appointing/cadre controlling authority is CGM (NTR), Delhi. However, MTNL Corporate Office has directly recruited about 70 employees. In case of these employees, transfers are done on the basis of tenure and in the interest of service — within Delhi. For Group 'A' & 'B' employees borne on the strength of DoT, transfers are ordered by DoT as per an all India policy, relating to tenure.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Rotational transfers are ordered from time to time on the basis of continuous stay of an officer at one place subject to exigencies of service.

Pending Compensation Cases

601. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UN had settled all the claims of Indians in respect of compensation towards damages suffered by Indians or Indian companies during the Gulf War;

(b) if not, whether there are any claims of Indians or Indian companies still pending with the UN; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to settle the claims?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The United Nations Compensation